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## The Indifference of The Miller of Hofbau.

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"Poor man, he will be half mad with waiting and with anxiety for me," cried Osa. "I must give him another 100 crowns on account of it." And she added, after a pause, "I pray he may not take it too much to heart, Rudolf."

"We must try to prevent him doing himself any mischief in his despair," smiled the king.

"Indeed it is a serious matter," pointed the princess, who thought the king's smiles out of place.

"It was not so when you began it," said her brother, and Osa was silent. Then about half past 2 they came in sight of the mill, the king dismounted while they were still several hundred yards away and tied his horse to a tree in a clump by the mill. He made a circuit and approached from the side, and, creeping along the house, hid himself behind a large water butt which stood just under the window, and from that spot he could hear what passed inside the house, although he could not see.

But Osa rode up to the front of the mill, and her face was rather pale as she walked up to the door, for she feared what the miller might do in the passion of his disappointment on learning who she was and that she could not be his wife. "I hope the 600 crowns will cheer him," she said as she laid her hand on the latch of the door, and she sighed, her heart being heavy for the miller, and maybe a little heavy also for the guilt that lay on her conscience for having deceived him.

Now, when she lifted the latch and opened the door, the sight that met her eyes was this: The table was strewn with the remains of a brave dinner. Two burnt out pipes lay beside the plates. A smaller table in front of the fire. On it stood a very large jug, entirely empty, but bearing signs of having been full not so long ago, and on either side of it, each in an arm-chair, sat the priest of the village and the miller of Hofbau, and both of them were sleeping very contentedly and snoring somewhat as they slept. The princess, smitten by remorse at this spectacle, softly:

"Poor fellow, he grew weary of waiting and hungry and was compelled to take his dinner, and like the man he is, he has entertained the priest and kept him here so that no time should be lost when I arrived. Indeed, I am afraid the poor man loves me very much. Well, miller or lord or prince, they are all the same. Heigho! Why did I do it? Why did I deceive him? And she walked up to the miller's chair and leaned over the back of it and lightly touched his red cap with her fingers, and he put up his hand and brushed away a fly, but gave no other sign of awakening.

Then the king softly called from behind the water butt under the window: "Is he there, Osa? Is he there?" "The poor man has fallen asleep in weariness," she answered. "But the

At this the Princess Osa, thinking that an opportunity had come, took the purse of 600 crowns from under her cloak and laid it on the table.

"What is this?" said the miller, for the first time showing some eagerness. "They are for you," said Osa, and she watched him while he fastened the purse. Then he poured the crowns out on the table and counted them one by one till he had told all the 600. Then he raised his hands above his head, let them fall again, sighed slightly and looked across at the priest.

"I warned you not to be in such a hurry, friend miller," remarked the priest.

"I waited two hours," said the miller plaintively, "and you know that she is a handy woman and very fond of me." And he began to gather up the crowns and return them to the purse.

"I trust I am a busy wench," said Osa, smiling, yet still very nervous, "and indeed I have a great regard for the miller, but—"

"Nay, he does not mean you," interrupted the priest. "Six hundred," sighed the miller, "and Gertrude has but 200! Still, she is a handy wench and very sturdy. I doubt if you could lift a sack by yourself as she can." And he looked doubtfully at Osa's slender figure.

"I do not know why you talk of Gertrude," said the princess petulantly. "What is Gertrude to me?"

"Why, I take it that she is nothing at all to you," answered the priest, folding his hands on his lap and smiling placidly. "Still, for my part I bade him wait a little longer."

"I waited two hours," said the miller, "and Gertrude urged me, saying that you would not come and that she would look after me better than you, being one of the family, and she said that it was hard that she should have a stranger, and since it was all the same to me, provided I got a handy and sturdy wench—"

"What?" cried the Princess Osa, and the king was so interested that he rose up from behind the water butt and, leaning his elbows on the window sill, looked in and saw all that happened.

"It being," pursued the miller of Hofbau, "all the same to me so that I got what I wanted—why, when you did not come!"

"He married his cousin," said the priest.

A sudden loud burst of laughter came from the window. All three turned round, but the king checked his head and crouched again behind the water butt before they saw him.

"Who was that?" cried the priest.

"A lad that came to hold my horse," answered Osa hastily, and then she turned fiercely on the miller.

"And that," she said, "was all you wanted? I thought you loved me."

"Aye, I liked you very well," said the miller. "You are a handy—" A stamp of her foot drowned the rest. "But you should have come in time," he went on.

"And this Gertrude, is she pretty?" demanded Osa.

"Gertrude is well enough," said the miller, "but she has only 200 crowns." And he put the purse, now full again, on the table, with a resigned sigh.

"And you shall have no more!" cried Osa, snatching up her purse in great rage. "And you and Gertrude may—"

"What of Gertrude?" came at this moment from the door of the room where the sacks were. The princess turned round swift as the wind and saw in the doorway a short and very broad girl, with a very wide face and straggling hair. The girl's nose was very flat and her eyes were small, but her great mouth smiled good humoredly, and as the princess looked she let slip to the ground a sack of flour that she had been carrying on her sturdy back.

"But you Gertrude is well enough," said the miller, looking at her contentedly. "She is very strong and willing."

Then while Gertrude stood wondering and staring with wide eyes in the doorway the princess stepped up to the miller and leaned over him and cried: "Look at my face! Look at my face! What manner of face is it?"

"It is well enough," said the miller. "But Gertrude is—"

"There was a crash upon the floor, and the 600 crowns rolled out of the purse and scattered, spinning and rolling hither and thither all over the floor and into every corner of the room. And Princess Osa cried, "Have you no eyes?" and then turned away, for her lip was quivering, and she would not have the miller see it. But she turned from the miller only to face Gertrude, his wife, and Gertrude's small eyes brightened with sudden intelligence.

"Aye, you are the other girl," said Gertrude, with much amusement. "And was that your dowry? It is large. I am glad you did not come in time. But see, I'll pick it up for you. Nay, don't take on. I dare say you'll find another husband." And she passed by Osa, patting her on the shoulder kindly as she went, and then fell on her knees and began to pick up the crowns, crawling after them all over the floor and holding up her apron to receive the recovered treasure. And Princess Osa stood looking at her.

"Aye, you'll find another husband," nodded the priest encouragingly. "Aye, you are the other girl," said Gertrude, with much amusement. "And was that your dowry? It is large. I am glad you did not come in time. But see, I'll pick it up for you. Nay, don't take on. I dare say you'll find another husband." And she passed by Osa, patting her on the shoulder kindly as she went, and then fell on her knees and began to pick up the crowns, crawling after them all over the floor and holding up her apron to receive the recovered treasure. And Princess Osa stood looking at her.

came to her with a full apron and said, "Hold, I'll get you a good husband."

Then Princess Osa suddenly bent and kissed Gertrude's cheek, and she said gently:

"You have got a good husband, my dear, but let him do some work for himself and keep the 600 crowns as a present from me, for he will value you more with 800 than with 200."

The eyes of all three were fixed on her in wonder and amazement, for her tone and manner now was so different. Then she turned to the miller, and she bit her lip and dashed her hand once across her eyes and said:

"And you, miller, are the only sensible man I have found in all the kingdom; therefore good luck and a good wife to you." And she gave a little short laugh and turned and walked out of the cottage, leaving them all spell-bound in wonder.

But the miller rose from his chair and ran to the door, and when he reached it the king was just lifting Osa on to her horse, and the miller knew the king and stood there with eyes wide and cheeks bulged in wonder, and he could gasp out no more than "The king, the king!" before Rudolf and Osa had ridden away, and they could none of them, neither the miller nor Gertrude nor the priest, tell what the matter meant until one day King Rudolf rode again to the miller at Hofbau, and having sent for the priest, told the three enough of the truth, saying that the affair was the outcome of a jest at court, and he made one of them handsome present and vowed them to secrecy by their fealty and attachment to his person and his honor.

"Then she would not have married me anyhow?" asked the miller.

"No," answered Rudolf, "but Gertrude, with a laugh.

"Then we are but quits, and all is well. Gertrude, the jug, my lass."

And so, indeed, it seemed to the king that they were but quits, and he said so to the Princess Osa, and he declared that she had so far prevailed with the miller as to make him desire marriage as a wholesome and useful thing in itself, although she had not persuaded him that it was of great moment when accompanied by a long and a short, and anxious to give her the bracelet which he had promised, and more than once he had tried to slip it on her finger.

But Osa saw the laugh that lurked in the king's eye and would not consent to have the bracelet, and for a long time she did not love to speak of the miller of Hofbau. Yet once, when the king on some occasion cried out very impatiently that all men were fools, she said:

"Sire, you forget the miller of Hofbau," and she laughed and laughed and turned her eyes away.

And one other thing she did which puzzled very greatly Queen Margaret, and all the ladies of the court, and all the courtiers, and in fine, every person, high or low, who saw or heard of it, except the king only. For in winter evenings she took her scissors and her needle, and she cut strips of red ribbon, each four inches long and half an inch broad, and she embroidered on each and every one of them a motto or legend, and she affixed the ribbons bearing the mottoes to each of her chambermaids at Sireland, and all the other royal residences. And her waiting women noticed that whenever she had looked in the mirror and smiled at her own image or shown other signs of pleasure in it she would then cast her eyes up to the legend and seem to read it and blush a little and laugh a little and sigh a little, the reason for which things they could by no means understand.

For the legend was but this: "Remember the miller of Hofbau."

THE END.

Usefulness of Newspapers.

A woman who has been attempting to assist a poor family during the winter finally contributed one day a parcel which proved to contain much more comfort than might be supposed. This was a large pile of clean newspapers. 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## FIRST PRIZE.

The United States Cruiser Nashville yesterday captured the Spanish ship Buena Vista. A single six pound shot brought the surrender of the enemy's vessel. She was loaded with lumber.

## IT IS WAR.

The first blow of war, cruel and relentless war, the first for over half a century between this country and a foreign power, has not yet been struck, but diplomatic relations between this country and Spain have been severed and a state of war actually exists. It may be days, it may be weeks, or it may be only hours before the first gun shall be fired. Many Americans, loyal and true, regret that war has been the result believing a peaceful solution honorable alike to the United States and Spain could have been reached, but since war has come all will stand patriotically by the Administration. Any who recall the anxiety and pain, the suffering and loss, the death and destruction of the late civil war may be excused for hesitating to rejoice at the opportunity to be revenged for the destruction of the Maine and the death of 160 boys in blue. That was a diabolical act and so it is to fall fellow creature, but the acknowledged murderer is tried by due process of law. And so must the Maine incident be dealt with when it is settled. War will undoubtedly bring opportunity for retaliation which will be used as occasion offers.

This is a war for the sake of humanity. The population of Cuba is about one and a half millions. The present strife on the island has extended over three years, and about a year ago the cruel Weyler began a war of starvation. He gathered the people into the towns and women and children, and there 400,000 of them have died of want. They were of the same religious faith as their persecutors, spoke the same language as the queen of Spain, were descendants of the same parents. Such treatment was past comprehension. The United States proceeded to feed the starving and has said to Spain such warfare must cease. You must yield the island. Congress wrestled with the form of procedure or rather of declaration several days last week, the two houses finally agreeing upon the following resolution:

Whereas, The abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the island of Cuba, so near our own borders, have shocked the moral sense of the people of the United States, have been a disgrace to Christian civilization, culminating, as they have, in the destruction of a United States battleship, with 260 of its officers and crew, while on a friendly visit in the harbor of Havana, and cannot longer be endured, as has been set forth by the President of the United States in his message to Congress of April 11, 1898, upon which the action of Congress was invited; therefore, be it resolved,

First—That the people of the island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent.

Second—That it is the duty of the United States to demand, and the Government of the United States does hereby demand, that the Government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.

Third—That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, directed and empowered to use the land and naval forces of the United States, and to call into the actual service of the United States the militia of the several States to such an extent as may be necessary to carry these resolutions into effect.

Fourth—That the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island except for the pacification thereof, and asserts its determination, when that is accomplished to leave the government and control of the island to its people.

## SPAIN SAYS WAR.

The Spanish government not waiting to receive notice of the "ultimatum" from the United States, sent Ambassador Woodford his passports, and the Spaniards say war. President McKinley has already ordered the fleet at Key West to proceed to Cuban waters and next week an army of 80,000 men will probably proceed against Havana. The proximity of Cuba to our coast and its distance from Spain is greatly to our advantage. Madrid is almost due east from New York, and Cadiz, the southern port at Gibraltar is 3215 miles from New York. From Cadiz to the Cape Verde Islands, west of Africa and almost due east from Cuba, is 1575 miles. From Cape Verde Islands to Porto Rico is 2300 miles and Havana is 1100 west of Porto Rico. By this route Havana is nearly 6000 miles from Spain's nearest port. From New York to Porto Rico is 1426 miles, and from New York down the coast to Havana is 1227. The distance from Key West directly south to Havana is very short so that in fact the United States has all the advantages. In the fortunes and misfortunes of war we believe the advantages are all on our side and yet we may suffer some defeats and many losses. No one doubts that victory will perch upon the American banner.

Postmaster General Gary of Maryland has resigned from the President's Cabinet and Charles Emory Smith, editor of the "Philadelphia Press," has been confirmed as his successor. It has been assigned as the cause and the Postmaster General has been sick for some but a difference of views upon the war question is said to have been an additional reason for the resignation.

## NAVAL IMPROVEMENT.

Since war is it, it must necessarily be a naval war at least at the beginning and the following brief review of the changes which experience has brought in the style of ships and armament will prove interesting:

A battle between a "barn" and a "cheese-box" in 1861 revolutionized naval architecture. The "barn" was the hull of the United States steam frigate "Merrimac," raised by the Confederates armed with an iron beam for ramming, and roofed over above the berth-deck with 4 inch iron plates, supported by massive timbers. The "cheese-box" Ericsson's newly finished "Monitor," a war-vessel consisting of an ironclad turret upheld by a nearly submerged hull, driven by powerful engines. At nightfall, March 8th, the wooden ships "Congress" and "Cumberland" were beneath the waves in Hampton Roads, rammed and shattered by an adversary invulnerable to their broadsides. With the dawn of March 9th, the "Merrimac" (christened "Virginia") by the Confederates steamed back to destroy the helpless "Monitor" and was encountered by the "Monitor," which had arrived meanwhile. Four hours' mutual thumping with the heaviest ordnance of the period resulted in a drawn battle, which the retirement of the "Merrimac" was a tactical victory for the "Monitor." Neither was able to pierce or seriously injure the other's armor.

This was the first engagement between iron-clads, and it made obsolete for war purposes the wooden ships of all existing navies. Maritime nations at once began to rebuild and rearm. The evolution was commenced which transformed the three-decker into the battleship—her sides armored like the "Merrimac," her guns mounted in impregnable turrets like the "Monitor's." Steam had already doomed sail-power for warships, and smooth-bore guns were giving place to high-power rifles. The close of the Civil War found the United States with about sixty monitors in commission on the seaboard, while the navigable rivers swarmed with gunboats of the "Merrimac" type. Our enthusiasm for iron had not been cooled by the sinking of the original "Monitor" off Cape Hatteras, in 1862, and seaworthiness was still secondary to short-resisting power, when the battle of Lissa, July 20, 1866, again put naval architects to thinking. In that engagement the Austrian wooden vessels boldly rammed the Italian iron-clads, and found them to be as unstable as floating tea-kettles. Since that time buoyancy has been regarded as a prime requisite, and all classes of steel vessels are made staunch enough to weather a hurricane. However, there was no satisfactory test of the offensive and defensive qualities of the new constructions till 1893, when the Brazilian ironclad furnished the spectacle of a contest between the latest model of battleship and of fortifications. The armor-clad "Aquidaban" (built in England in 1885) engaged the harbor forts day after day and suffered no injury, though the guns of Fort Santa Cruz got her range and repeatedly struck her with projectiles from their 10-inch rifles. These rattled harmlessly from her 10-inch and 11-inch armor, and did not prevent her from anchoring where she pleased. On the other hand, her 9 inch and 6-inch rifles could effect nothing against the forts, with which the expenditure of the ship's ammunition and stores left her at the advantage.

The next year, in the war between Japan and China, there was a more conclusive test. On the Yalu River, September 17, 1894, modern battleships opposed each other for the first time, and the lesson was hardly less instructive than that afforded by their prototypes at Newport News, thirty years before. As the "Monitor" commander learned too late that he could have destroyed the "Merrimac" by using a larger powder-charger in his 11-inch Dahlgren guns, so, too, European shipbuilders said that they had, in some cases, sacrificed efficiency to size; that for close quarters numerous rapid-fire guns—each firing twenty shells a minute—were more effective than larger guns less rapidly served. A shell from the latter is more likely to pierce an adversary's armor, but a concentration of fire is enough of the former will hinder a turret from presenting its port-bow. To do so would be to admit a storm of shot and shell, stripping gun and turret of their defenders.

This closes the list of instructive battles, and it remains to be seen what would be the outcome of an encounter between evenly matched battle-ships or cruisers, ordered and manned by Americans or Europeans.

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WHAT does it mean? Tax Collector J. Allison Cleaver attacks the published reports of the Road Commissioners for St. Georges Hundred. He says that on April 2, 1898, in a conference the commissioners agreed that he was due \$309.00, yet they charge him in their published statement with owing \$466.00 on '95 and '96 taxes. That is a small matter, however, small compared with his charge that they omitted from their statement a bond due from Mr. J. P. Cochran for \$3,300, making their indebtedness \$7,708.72. What does this mean? If the tax payers were men alive to their interests they would learn the meaning. It is a debt the people must pay, then why not investigate? The TRANSCRIPT columns are open to any fair statement.

DURING the week in the U. S. Court at Wilmington the Grand Jury has been engaged in the Dover Bank cases. Indictments were found against Wm. N. Boggs and E. T. Cooper. They were arranged before Judge Bradford, Boggs pleading guilty and Cooper pleading not guilty. Mr. Cooper's attorneys asked until Thursday of next week which was granted. He is charged with aiding in the embezzlement of \$23,000. It will be remembered that when the "Wilmington Sun" published the charges against him he instituted suit for libel.

THE name of Senator R. B. Kenny has been mixed up with the Boggs-Bank affair more or less from the first. He has been before the grand jury of the Federal Court as a witness in the case. He now brings suit against John H. Bateman, editor of the "State Sentinel," and Eli M. Shilling, of the "Wilmington Sun," for malicious and criminal libel. He has delayed long in taking this action. It is to be hoped for the credit of the position he holds that he may prove himself innocent of all these matters.

## THOSE MINSTRELS.

The White Rose Minstrels of Smyrna which are to have an entertainment in the Opera House for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday evening, April 26th, are very highly spoken of by the papers of Smyrna. They have given two entertainments in that town and are first-class. Read what is said of them by their hosts:

"The Opera House was crowded to the doors last Thursday night to witness the first time in several years a home-talent minstrel show. The White Rose Minstrel show on Thursday night compares favorably with any well trained, traveling minstrelsy ever exhibited in this town. It was a season of mirth, joy and laughter from beginning to end and our boys deserve a great deal of credit for the success and zeal with which they entered in to make it a success. Every available seat was taken. And well was the treat afforded—a two hours stretch of variety and incident, unflagging to the end.

When the curtain arose shortly after eight o'clock, it was on a semi-circle of "The Line Kite Club" that the Y. M. C. A. President and Messrs. John C. Manning, Edward Start, P. P. Jacobs, Wm. H. Brady, Frank Armstrong and John Tilghman as emcees, with all the effectiveness that burnt cork could give them. They made lots of fun and cracked jokes new and old, that greatly amused the people.

What were called the "Club's Entertainers," those who interspersed their humor with vocal music, were Messrs. J. E. Stevens, J. B. Cunningham, G. D. Brown and Fred Lang. There was also seated on the elevation above them the "Club's Orchestra," composed of Messrs. Wm. Norris, Geo. Sylvester, Wm. Stevenson and George M. Rose, with four pieces, piano, cornet, trombone, drums etc., and piano. Miss Lottie Smith was the accompanist and did her part in a finished manner. The orchestra was one of the best features of the show, their harmony and time was excellent. Their variety of pieces were catchy and inspiring, giving life to every part of the minstrelsy.

The semi-circle was completed by a third tier, just above the orchestra, where sat a row of uniformed musicians. The company presented their excellent entertainment, and interspersed the jokes and confab between the interlocutor and emcees, the following vocal program was given: "She is a Belle," by the Company; "My Boy Remember Me," by J. E. Stevens; "I Want Dem Presents Back," by Frank Armstrong; "The Church Across the Way," by G. D. Brown; "Climb de Golden Fence" by J. C. Manning; "I Am King O'er Land and Sea," by Fred Lang; "Enjoy Yourself," W. H. Brady.

The singing both comic and sentimental, did credit to the participants, not the least effective being the choruses. The local hits and take-offs was a leading feature with the audience. —Smyrna Times.

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## THE PEACH CURCULIO.

A heavy tribute is levied annually on the peach crop of Delaware by the curculio. The adult beetle lays the eggs in the small fruits just after the blossoms fall. In a few days the eggs hatch and the little grub bores into the fruit. The peaches that are attacked when very small usually fall and comprise a large proportion of the "June Drop," while the fruits attacked when half grown grove adhere to the trees as wormy and gummy fruits. Whenever the pest of peaches is light, as it will be in parts of Delaware this year, it is of great economic importance to the fruit grower to prevent the loss from the curculio, which often amounts to more than fifty percent of the total setting. If the peaches that form on the trees in southern Delaware this spring are saved from the curculio, there will still remain a good crop in most sections of the state.

The only practical means of destroying the curculio this spring is to jar them from the trees upon a canvas and kill them after they have fallen. The canvas can be stretched over a light frame, leaving a slit in one side to throw the tree to stand in the middle. The tree is then jarred by a quick blow from a padded mallet either on the trunk or main branches of the tree, and the curculios are then swept from the canvas and destroyed. It is best to jar early in the morning as the beetles are then sluggish and fall readily. The jarring should be continued every day or over a period of three weeks, or until no more curculios are taken. In some seasons the injury does not last more than two weeks. The injurious curculios in western New York, as far as soon as the blossoms have fallen, 24, to destroy the curculios that fall, 34, continue the jarring until the curculios are all destroyed. The curculio can be absolutely controlled by the jarring method, which is a usual practice among the peach growers, and many peach orchards in western New York, in New York, however, the curculios are in the form of an inverted umbrella which is wheeled from tree to tree on a wheel-rowlike frame. A cut of a curculio machine is shown in Bulletin XXXV of the Delaware Experiment Station.

The cost of jarring an orchard depends entirely on circumstances, but it should not cost under two cents per tree or over twelve cents for the entire season's jarring. G. H. POWELL, Horticulturist, Delaware Experiment Station.

## KENT COUNTY.

Thomas Price, a prominent citizen of Smyrna, was found dead in his bed Tuesday morning at the residence of his son-in-law, Thomas Wilson. Mr. Price had been in poor health for some time. Until a few years ago he was one of the most prominent farmers of Cecil county, Maryland having moved from there to Smyrna ten years ago. He was 73 years old. Intermment was had at Cecilton yesterday.

Unclaimed Letters. A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Temple Dale, Johnnie Henry, Ben Tillier, Florence Thomas, Lambert Sturgis, Will Carey, Will Carey, Lily Handy, Alemda Gibbs, Mary Morris Mary Wilson, Portland Mfg. Co.

## WANAMAKER'S

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 18, 1898. Two For genuine dollar's Carpet MOQUETTE CARPETS Bargains are the cheapest carpets made. And that is so whether you compare them with the lowest priced carpet or with the finest pile carpet made.

And yet, thousands of careless people have condemned Moquette Carpets, because they "shed." As a fact, this shedding is not an evidence of wear—but is simply the working out of the loose fibre that becomes imbedded in the pile when the carpet is being made. As well think that a boy's hair was wearing out because short ends can be brushed off after a hair-cut. We repeat: Moquette Carpets at usual full prices are cheapest Carpets to buy.

And here is unusual economy—8,400 YARDS OF MOQUETTE CARPET, IN 54 PATTERNS, AT 85¢ A YARD.



Another interesting carpet item is the offering of 12,000 yards of THE BEST TAPESTRY CARPET AT 75¢.

This is the highest grade, known as "Extra." There are 56 styles. NEW SILKS ARE HERE From France

Few of a kind, but hosts of kinds—a bouquet of elegance and the word "bouquet" seems to fit to a "t," for the colors are as varied and as bright as the blooms of even leafy June.

A new Silk—Taffeta Envelope—Soft and satiny. Lilac, mouse, bright blue, turquoise, cardinal and marine. Oblong irregular lines of white. 85¢.

A new Silk—Taffeta Broderie—A taffeta of two color stripes embroidered with raised satin figures, with white satin stripes dividing. Two grays, two blues, two lavenders. 82¢.

A new Silk—Faconne Carreaux—A plaid taffeta that peeps through an emerald lace effect. Two new colors. 82¢.

A new Silk—Pekin Quadrille—Crossed cords of silk on taffeta, with satin lines dividing, a half inch apart. Green on blue, orange on beige, cerise on beige, black on beige. 82¢.

A new Silk—Taffeta Bayadere—White edged bars of color, on colors—two lavenders, two beiges, two pinks, two greens. 82¢.

A new Silk—Taffeta Ecossaise—A check taffeta with one and a half inch blocks of silk outlined by twilled bars of silk, one style only, orange and blue. 82¢.

A new Silk—Taffeta Filite Bayadere—A stripe taffeta with waves of color across. Black and white, reds and white, cardinal and white. 82¢.

A new Silk—Pekin Taffeta Quadrille—

## WANAMAKER'S

A fancy plaid with satin bars and hair-line stripes across a glaze of orange, blue, cerise and black. \$1.50 a yd.

A new Silk—Broderie—A rich Taffeta Glaze in green, heliotrope and orange, shot black. The dots of etoman equal-distant stand in relief by black on the colors. \$1.50 a yd.

A new Silk—Taffeta Raye Ombre—A Stripe Taffeta of striking effect; two stripes, one black, one white, together making one stripe, not far apart, on blue, on brown. \$1.45 a yd.

A new Silk—Faconne—A Broadened Stripe Taffeta with diamond blocks of black, on black and white, on white between two colors, black and white, blue and white. 82¢ a yd.

A new Silk—Faconne Bayadere—A rich taffeta with bars of loops of silk, not far apart, in Nile, orange; for vests and wraps. 82¢ a yd.

A new Silk—Taffeta Glaze—All white, over Nile, over cerise, over lavender, over magenta. A new effect. \$1.25 a yd.

A new Silk—Quadrille Jardinier—A checked Taffeta with crossed bars of color with a departure from black effects. \$1.25 a yd.

Wash Fannels, beautiful, ser-vicable, are these Flannels bright Wash Flannels—and a multitude of patterns to show. Two hundred and thirty styles in all. But such a collection was necessary to bring together all the choice sorts that were found on both sides of the water. And the scope of their usefulness is so broad that styles must be proportionately varied. The beautiful soft finish of wool; the firmness of texture that will not shrink, added by the hidden warp of the more substantial cotton—the combined virtues of both giving a fabric that for fresh, comfortable summer beauty the world would not care to do without.

Men have shirts, and sometimes coats and pajamas made of them. Women want them for waists, dresses, wrappers, dressing gowns, petticoats, and the pretty children's garments they make are legion. To supply the demand, our showing includes these—32 styles at 20¢ 26 styles at 31¢ 37 styles at 25¢ 12 styles at 37¢ 80 styles at 28¢ 43 styles at 50¢ 50 styles at 60¢

The sixty cent sorts are golf sporting flannels from Glasgow.

Men's Fine Shoes—The greatest assemblage of fashionable footwear ever gathered together is here. The world's best workmanship. A fitting finish for the swiftest outfit are these:

Men's patent calf lace shoes; men's vic kid lace, or tan Russia calfskin, with the best Boston toe, bull-dog, English, London and opera toe shapes—all the fads of all the comfort-givers are shown. The price—

\$5 a pair A step lower in grade are these—though in style and quality the equal of most \$5 sorts. They have all the details that ordinarily would claim that price—

\$3.90 a pair And at a fair saving of a dollar over usual costs are these—

Men's tan Russia calf Oxfords; tan Russia calf lace; black box calf lace; black smooth calf lace; at

\$3 a pair All have welled and stitched soles; bulldog, Waukenham and London toe shapes—tan shoes have brass studs and eyes.

John Wanamaker.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., April 16th, 1898.

NOTICE!

L. JOHN P. MCINTYRE, tenant of the house known as the National Hotel, situated at Middletown, in United School District No. 9, and 31, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, in compliance with the requirements of the acts of the General Assembly, in such case made and provided, do hereby give notice that I at all apply in writing to the Court of the General Sessions of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle county on MONDAY, the 16th day of May, A.D. 1898, being the next term of said court, for a license therein of intoxicating liquors, in quantities less than one quart, to be drunk on the premises, and the following respectable citizens of the said United School District recommend the said application, viz:

Geo. W. Price, Wm. A. Aborn, H. E. Wilson, M. Keegan, Jr., R. H. Dickson, R. H. Foster, Wm. H. Cochran, G. Ellis, J. L. Parsons, Alex. M. Brown, 160 Pitt

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## WRIGHT'S

8th and Market Streets.

Special Showing in Men's New Spring Overcoats.

MEN'S SUPERB SUITS.

Boys' Suits and Covert Coats.

The dressiest, handsomest lot of 1898 Overcoats to be found in Wilmington. Every style and grade that shows that snappy, genteel appearance which is quite a distinguished feature of Wright's Clothing. We can certainly show you all the triumphs of the tailor's art in all our fine ready-to-wear garments.

STYLISH COVERT COATS, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10, \$12, \$15.

Men's All-Wool Suits. That possess all the style and tone and fancy touches you look for and expect in high-class merchant tailors' productions, \$12, \$15, \$18, \$20.

And lots of others—all wool \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8.

In the Boys' Department. We have been anticipating your wants, and we are prepared to meet them. We have been making preparations for weeks. We know they will be thoroughly appreciated, and we are tireless in our efforts to

Raise the Standard and Lower the Price. Boys' Suits from \$1.50 to \$10. Sizes, 8 to 16 years, (knee pants.) Special good things in all-wools—\$2.00 to \$5.00.

JAS. H. WRIGHT, former Manager at Hamburger's 8th and Market Sts., WILMINGTON, DEL. Store open every night.

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## Wm. B. Sharp & Co

FOURTH and MARKET'S WILMINGTON, DEL.

Shirt Waists, laundried and finished in the very best manner. All made to our special order and selection and new ones arriving daily. They come in Chintzes, Percalines, Gingham, Lawns, Madras and Piques

Silver Gray waists in chintzes, neat, clear and cool, with self color collars and cuffs.

Percalines in neat and fancy stripes of pink, green, light blue, lavender and gray, with white braids, fronts, &c.

Lawns as fine sheer and pretty waists as we will have this season in polka dots of light blue, pink, red, navy and black, with tucked fronts of plain colors and collars and cuffs to match, \$1.75.

Piques, all white, made with bias fronts and inserting edged yokes, collars and cuffs to match \$1.75.

Dimities, white trimmed with colored embroidered fronts of light blue, pink and red, with white collars and cuffs.

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY. Kid Gloves. A small lot of ladies' Kid Gloves, all odd sizes and styles, in our regular \$1 and \$1.25 qualities—the special price for Saturday will be 50c. per pair.

Stockings. An odd lot children's tan stockings, men's half hose, ladies' unbleached stockings, our 25c. grade—50c. per pair for any of them on Saturday.

Ferris Good Sense Waists. These waists are becoming more popular every day. We have them for young girls, young ladies and women for 75c, \$1 and \$1.25. Will be found at our corset counter.

WM. B. SHARP & CO.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., April 16th, 1898.

## THE NEED for a New Spring Suit is not to be denied or evaded! The question now is: Where to get it?

People who have been at the New York Clothing House will come again, there is no question about what our customers will do, but, there are hundreds of people who've never struck a place that just suited them!

Try us once, and you'll stick to us.

Men's Suits, \$5 to 20; beautiful styles, \$8.50, \$10 and \$12.

Suits to order, \$15 to \$50.

We give trading stamps, red or green, or B. & L. checks. Ask for them.

All goods marked in plain figures. Strictly no price, and if dissatisfied with your purchase, we will return your money.

NEW YORK CLOTHING HOUSE, 316 Market Street, WILMINGTON, DEL. Max Ephraim, Prop. Open Evenings.

GREENSBORO NURSERY. The finest white fresh peach in season. Ripens before the Alexander. Extra large. For favor. Donaldson's Elmira. Asparagus. Beans. A new variety of ram. Strawberry. Cherry. Japan. Peach. Seed. Catalogues. HARRISON'S NURSERY, Berlin, Md.

Middletown HARDWARE HOUSE! LARGEST STOCK! LOWEST PRICES! A FULL LINE OF Hardware and Tools, Cook Stoves and Ranges, Heaters, Oil and Gasoline Stoves, Tinware, Agateware, Woodenware and House Furnishing Goods, Galvanized Roofing, Barb Wire and Cucumber Wood Pumps, Ready-Mixed Paints, AND ALL KINDS OF PAINTING MATERIAL.

Do not forget it! We allow a TEN PER CENT. DISCOUNT FOR SPOT CASH on all our COOK STOVES and RANGES.

Opera House Building MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

HOME DYEING. A Pleasure at Last. NEW STYLE. OLD STYLE. MAYPOLE SOAP. WASHES & DYES. No Fuss. No Trouble.

MAYPOLE SOAP. WASHES AND DYES AT ONE OPERATION. ANY COLOR. The Cleanest, Fastest Dye for Soiled or Faded Shirt Waists, Blouses, Ribbons, Curtains, Underlinen, etc., whether Silk, Satin, Cotton or Wool.

Sold in All Colors by Grocers and Druggists, or mailed free for 15 cents.

Address, THE MAYPOLE SOAP DEPOT, 127 Duane Street, New York.

15 Women Wanted for traveling with old established firm. Permanent Pay \$10 a month and all expenses. P. W. Ziegler & Co., 235 Locust st., Pa.

CATARH. A Local Disease. A Catarrh of the Bladder. Nothing but a local remedy or change of climate will cure it. Get a well-known pharmaceutical remedy.

ELY'S Cream Balm. It is quickly Absorbed. Gives Relief at Once. Cleanses the Bladder. Protects the Membrane. Restores the Normal Condition. No Mercury. No Irritation. Full Size 50c. Trial Size 10c. Sold by Druggists or by mail. ELY BROTHERS



# Local News.

—Straw hats will soon be in order.

—Pasture lots and small houses for rent, also hay for sale. Mrs. F. E. COMBES.

—Decorative day falls on Monday this year.

—For SALE—Chestnut posts and rails. Apply to George Buckwith, St. Augustine, Md.

—If a woman were the architect of her own fortune it would be full of closets.

Every body uses Braden's Poultry Remedy, it cures 25 cents.

—Messrs. Cook and Brady are adding an idea plan to the Middletown Farms Creamery.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son have a full line of carriages and agricultural implements on hand.

—The millinery display at Mrs. M. C. Barnett's is the most attractive to be seen in town.

—For RENT—One Dwelling on Main street and two in the rear.

Mrs. FANNIE SHEPHERD.

—Mr. W. H. Brady takes a prominent part in the White Rose Minstrels on Tuesday night.

It's folly, to lose your poultry when the use of Braden's Poultry Remedy is guaranteed to you for 25 cents.

—Scandal injures three persons—him who utters it, him who hears it and him of whom it is said.

—We call the attention of farmers who wish to contract for pickles to the advertisement of the Philadelphia Pickling Company in another column.

—The gift of power is the Epworth League Subject. "Habit." The Christian Endeavor topic to-morrow evening at 8:45.

—See our Cook Stoves and Ranges, medium size, large or small. All at surprising low prices, and yet ten per cent off for cash. MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

—The Presbyterians will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church of St. Georges on the last Sunday in May.

—To FARMERS—Send your teams in at any time and get any kind of phosphate you may want. Large stock always in warehouse.

J. S. L. SAMPSON, S. M. RAYMOND, AGT.

—Col. Holiday has made inquiry of Col. Gilpin as to suitable accommodations for the encampment of the State Militia at Middletown.

Judging from the business "Trink"ler is doing at his studio, he is surely pleasing patrons. Developing and printing for amateurs a specialty.

The Rev. Edward Wilson of Woodbury, N. J. will preach in the Epworth Presbyterian Church on to-morrow, at the morning and evening services. All are cordially invited to be present.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontometer and Gas for painless extracting.

—Damon Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias, of Middletown, have issued cards of invitation to a Musical and Literary entertainment in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening.

—For SALE—A fine farm of 74 acres, 15 acres wooded, nice dwelling, good granary and stables, orchard and vineyard, not far from water and rail facilities. Terms easy at private sale. Inquire at TRANSCRIPT office.

—Soldiers have been rushing to the Atlantic coast from the military posts on the western frontiers all the week. Several companies have passed through Middletown going south by way of Crif field.

—Forks, Shovels, Spades, Axes, Rope Traces, Chain Traces, Hammock, Curry Combs, Horse Brushes, Farm Bells, Grindstones and all other kinds of Hardware, Tin Ware and Wooden Ware suited to the season at "way down prices," at MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

—A man should have a little music, read a little poetry and see a fine picture every day of his life, in order that worldly cares may not obliterate the sense of the beautiful which God has implanted in the human soul.

—The large ad. of J. F. McWhorter & Son in another column of this issue should be read by every farmer in this section, as their large stock embraces the best line of carriages and all kinds of farming implements to be found in the State.

—FARMERS AND HOMEOWNERS—I desire to call your attention to the fact that I have secured the services of Mr. George W. Howard, who is considered by those for whom he has done horse shoeing to be one of the best shoers in the country. A trial is earnestly solicited. FRANK L. CATES.

—Some miscreant broke into the vault of W. A. Woodard at the W. E. cemetery at Newark recently and robbed several coffins of the jewelry they contained. None of the bodies were disturbed as at first suspected. There is no clue to the guilty party.

—If you have a news item of any description, hand it in to the TRANSCRIPT. If you go away from home on business or pleasure let us know it. If you used to live here and want to write a letter for publication, send it to the TRANSCRIPT and all of your friends will use it.

—At the sale recently at Chestertown of the valuable horses of Dr. T. H. Cooper the following: "Pride of England," who was bid to \$1,475 by H. Boyce, of Wilmington; bay stallion "Pride of England, Jr.," Dr. J. Cooper for \$275; and the bay mare "Judge Russell," Dr. J. W. Cooper, for \$155.

—Mr. A. G. Cox, treasurer of the Wilmington M. E. Conference Missionary Society, sent yesterday his check to the New York officials for \$22,475, the amount reported at Conference. Adding sums paid during the year makes the total \$24,421 for this conference given to missions.

—Do not miss the Smyrna Minstrels Read in another column what the Smyrna papers say of them. At Middletown Opera House on Tuesday evening. Seats reserved free of extra charge. If purchased before 6 o'clock of April 26th; no reserved seats after that hour—one price, 25cts.

—There is an item going the rounds of the press to the effect that the proper method to keep apples in winter is to wrap them in old newspapers, as to excluded the air. The newspapers, however, must be one on which the subscription has been paid, otherwise dampness resulting from what is "dew" many may cause the fruit spoil.

—An election for a member of the Light and Water Commission will be held May 2d, the term of Mr. S. M. Reynolds expiring. The Commission has just spent \$2100 on a new well which is a failure, so much of the tax payers money put in a hole in the ground. They have contracted with Mr. Shannahan for another well, and the first one deeper, at a cost of \$1900, with guarantee no water no money. The guarantee was forgotten on the last contract.

## PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

(If you have been away on a visit, or have visitors, or have news send us the news, and we will be glad to publish it for you. We are always pleased to publish any item of personal or local interest and cordially invite our patrons to furnish us the facts.)

—Mr. Abram Vandegrift, formerly editor of the Transcript, was in town on Tuesday and called at the old sanctum. In reply to the inquiry as to the matters at present interesting the folks along the Delaware shore he said they are now on picket duty, looking for Spanish cruisers. An exchange picket this way: "The inhabitants of Delaware City are very much interested in the threatened war with Spain. They are interested for several reasons, and one of them is that the town is within range of the big guns of Fort Mott. The guns mentioned shoot for fifteen miles. In case a Spanish fleet should attempt to pass the Fort the big guns would of course be fired in the direction of Delaware City and miles of the project would go crashing through Delaware City and might take half of it away. This is not a pleasant thought. Of course the guns might not be trained that way, and they would probably strike the boat they were aimed at, but the people do not relish the idea of the projectile missing its mark."

HENRY AUGUSTUS NOWLAND.

Henry A. Nowland is no more. After years of patient suffering from malignant cancerous affliction of the thigh bone, he died at his residence near this town about 1 o'clock Thursday morning. Over three years ago he began to feel the serious nature of the disease which had attacked him, and courageously, almost cheerfully, he began to fight it with all the appliances of medical and a vigorous will. It was a battle which men with no greater physical powers but with less mental force would have long since given up. But time and disease counted the strongest, and in Mr. Nowland's case death in slumber came to him when he was in the last stages of his illness. He was born August 1, 1838 the son of Augustus J. Nowland for two years he was a member of the General Assembly, and was twice at the solicitation of friends a candidate for State Treasurer, being defeated by John M. Houston by one vote. He was a Trustee of the Port for two terms and also of the State Hospital at Parnassus until his health compelled him to resign. He was a director of the Peoples Bank, president Middletown Mutual Loan Association, trustee of the Middletown Academy and member of the School Board. Mr. Nowland was a member of St. Anne's P. E. Church and has served as junior warden for years. One who knew him well, a member of another denomination, said that he felt closely and conversed freely on religion, holding to the views of personal piety and practicing himself and through his family the strict observance of the Sabbath, an example worthy the consideration of friends and neighbors.

Mr. Dennis J. Nowland, of Kent County, Md., is an only brother, and has made him frequent visits during Mr. Nowland's illness. In 1876 he married Miss Lizzie Blackstone of this town by whom he leaves a son and three daughters, all at home. Mrs. Nowland died in 1888 and two years later he married Miss Josephine Blackstone, a sister to his first wife who survives him, and with other relatives and friends has the sympathy of the entire community.

Funeral services will take place this afternoon at one o'clock from his late residence. He resided at the home of Mr. Wm. M. Knight and Andrew Pennington, of Baltimore; John H. Rodney, of New Castle; Jefferson B. Ford, W. A. Comery and Dr. T. H. Gilpin, of Middletown. The public are invited to attend without further notice.

OLD SUSSEX.

Handy Bradley, aged 40 years, of Bethel, Sussex county, Del., was found drowned in the Laurel river Monday morning. He was out in a boat fishing, and standing it is supposed slipped and fell overboard. He cried for help, but assistance reached him too late.

Prettymann D. Smith, a farmer living three miles south of Georgetown, fell dead in his field at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. He was ploughing at the time he was stricken and when he was discovered his hands still grasped the plow handles. His death was due to heart disease, as he made frequent complaints about the action of that organ. He was an old resident and quite wealthy, although a hard worker.

The cause for the abrupt discontinuance of Sunday night visits to Milton by two young Georgetown gallants has been explained. Not long since while they were returning from that place and while passing the farm of the late James M. Gordy, the executed wife murderer, they were horrified at the sight of an approaching object, which appeared to them like a huge black ball on one side of the road, while at the same time on the opposite side appeared a man robed in white in an uncomfortably close proximity to the vehicle. The horse became frightened and the young men almost lost control of the animal before the disappearance of the ghastly sights.

The Canal Repaired.

Extensive repairs are being made to the Delaware and Chesapeake canal. The embankments have been strengthened and in some places new logs and planks have been taken the places of old ones. The canal was in good condition at the close of the season last year, but the management has taken advantage of the favorable weather and put this important waterway in first class condition for the season just opened.

The Delaware and Chesapeake canal, forming as it does a short cut by water across the Delaware and Maryland Peninsulas, is a most important and valuable link between the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays, and in case of war it might be of great service in carrying supplies from one great arm of the Atlantic Ocean to another. Its Delaware terminus being in close proximity to Fort Delaware will increase its desirability as a transportation route by water in the event of war—Cecil County News.

Do Your Feet Ache?

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot Ease powder. It cures Corns, Bunions, Chills, Swelling, Swollen feet. At all drug stores and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

## STATE MILITIA TO ARMS.

On Thursday \$30,000 was voted by the General Assembly for the purpose of an encampment of the State Militia to give them the necessary camp drill and training. The measure was passed by both houses in a few hours and with but one dissenting vote.

—Mr. Short who thought the Federal Government should bear the expense. It is probable that the "boys" will be in camp by the first of the week. The Governor's message was as follows:

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

"To the Senate and House of Representatives, Gentlemen: The State of Delaware, like other states, has long maintained an organized militia, in order to afford protection to the lives and property of her citizens, and to give such citizens as desire military training which is necessary to fit them for their duties to the nation in time of need. In doing this the state has not been improvident of her resources, but on the contrary has been most economical in her appropriations and most careful in placing about this organization all needed restraints in the use of state funds. Under these circumstances the efficiency of the state has shown a most commendable and patriotic spirit in maintaining this organization by enlistment in its companies, and undergoing its drills and services without having the advantages and benefits of an encampment, reviews or field training.

"The United States is on the eve of a great war, which the services of patriotic citizens of this state will be needed. A call will in all probability be made by the President for troops in a few days and the State of Delaware, which in the past has ever responded to the demands of the nation with her full quota of men for service in the nation's wars, will not fail in the present occasion.

"In order to afford the national government the greatest service in the coming war, it is most necessary that our militia should be given the opportunity of a field training, which they have been deprived of because of lack of appropriation to cover the expenses of encampment. Though they may be well drilled in the tactics and rules of military companies, they know nothing of the tactics, rules and regulations of regimental or field service. Their lives, their health and their effectiveness in the service depend to a great extent upon the knowledge which such a training would afford them.

"It is a duty which the state owes to her citizens and to the government of which she forms a part, to provide every possible means to fully equip the militia of the state for the service which they are likely to be called upon to render to the National Government. And in order that this may be accomplished I most respectfully recommend and urge that an appropriation be made for the purpose of covering all necessary expenses for an encampment of our National Guard, to the end that they may have full opportunity to be drilled and trained in field maneuvers and camp duties."

"E. W. Tunnell."

Hon. Robert M. McLane, ex-Governor of Maryland and former United States Minister to France, died in Paris Saturday morning, April 16th, after a short illness of influenza, aged 83 years. He was born in New York, Del., June 29, 1835. His father, Mr. Louis McLane, was a distinguished citizen in the public service of this state. Throughout his long life Hon. Robert McLane was honored by his native country. Educated at West Point, he resigned from the army holding the rank of Lieutenant. In 1844 he was elected to the house of Maryland Delegates, 1847 to Congress, 1853 appointed Minister to China and Japan by President Pierce; 1877 elected State Senator, 1878 elected to Congress; 1883 nominated and elected Governor of Maryland; in 1885 President Cleveland tendered the post of Minister to France to Governor McLane. He was succeeded by William B. Ewing, who was succeeded by Mr. McLane's ill health they have resided in Paris for a long time.

TOWNSEND NOTES.

Mrs. M. E. Weldon is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Homer Lily, of Newark, was a guest of Lee L. Maloney on Sunday.

George Broadwater, of Havre de Grace, spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Betta Townsend has entered upon her duties as teacher of the public school at Middletown.

The eleventh annual convention of the New Castle County, W. C. T. U., was held in the M. E. Church on Wednesday. There were between thirty and forty delegates besides State and county officers and visitors from other points.

After something over a year's absence the sessions were all pleasant and profitable. A memorial service was held for Miss Francis Willard at 1:30. In the evening a W. C. T. U. Medial Contest was held. The Medal was awarded to Miss Beniah Marley, of Delaware City. Miss McGonigal, of New Castle, received the second prize. As the close of the contest, Mrs. Mary Heald Way, of Oxford, Pa., gave a fine talk. Many thought that the programme was the finest the convention has ever had.

A Sensible Man.

Would use Kem's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. It is curing more Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, and all Throat and Lung troubles, than any other medicinal preparation. It is a sure cure for all such troubles. Give your child a Sample Bottle. Free to convince you of the merit of this great remedy. Price 25c. and 50c.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Bites, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale at Vaughan's Pharmacy, Middle town, Delaware.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.

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## DELAWARE CITY.

Early Fontaine is home for a week.

Miss Hannah Swan has returned to Philadelphia.

Mrs. F. T. Eagle, of New Castle, visited her aunt this week.

Miss Mary Higgins is visiting friends in Woodbury, N. J.

Mrs. F. Newkirk, of Wilmington, is visiting her brother.

Miss Besie Mills, of Wilmington, was in town on Wednesday.

Miss Stella Ferguson, of Wilmington, is quite ill with pneumonia.

Rev. George S. Gasser is spending a few days in town this week.

Rev. A. P. Vanderborght has declined the call to Christ Church.

Major Raymond inspected the government works here on Wednesday.

Roy Keane, Norman Clever, Fred. Reybold and Miss Lippincott spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. James E. Sadler and Miss Julia have gone down the bay as usual with the fishing fleet.

The Sunday School Convention of the Episcopal Church met in Wilmington on Thursday.

Mr. Swartz, of Germantown, is sojourning in Company with Mr. Gasser in town for a few days fishing.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Lottie Bland and Mr. Clarence Craig, on the 27th, in the M. E. Church.

The Women's Home Missionary Society met in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening.

The ladies of the Mite Society were most successful in their efforts to raise a special fund for a special need of the Church.

The President, Mr. Gillingham, and Secretary, Mr. Nicholson, of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal Co., were in town on Wednesday.

The Convention of the W. C. T. U. held at Townsend last week was attended by Miss M. E. Janvier and Miss Beulah Marley of the Delaware City Union.

A parish meeting was called after service on Sunday morning to discuss the question of calling a pastor to Christ Church parish. No conclusion was arrived at and there is still no prospect of regular services in the church.

Work on the battery is so rushed and the number of workmen employed has been increased to such an extent that the men are unable to secure boarding or lodging. Several sleep in the lock-up for want of better quarters.

The entertainment given on Friday evening by the Literary Society of the Presbyterian Church was an enjoyable affair. The young ladies sustaining their part with a remarkable degree of skill and showing conclusive evidence of their ability as amateurs. The dignified chaperon, Miss Bessie Price; the typical old maid so familiar with "our beloved Shakespeare," Miss Berenice Kean; the little Irish girl whose brogue "the folks was niver did" was Miss Natalie Berghol; the charming young pseudo widow, Miss Mattie Price; the widow Barnstable with her humorous blunders, Miss Nellie Vail; the trim maid, her dark hair and eyes contrasting with the snowy whiteness of the coquettish little cap, Miss Julia Sadler; the two young girls who were at once the delight and torment of their chaperon's life, Miss Bertie Clark and Mary Tugend; were the characters in the drama, "The Oxford Affair," which a full house deeply appreciated. The young ladies were kindly assisted by Mr. Harbert, the well-known soloist of Wilmington, who delighted the audience with several vocal selections with piano accompaniment by Mr. Hadley, also of Wilmington. The Delaware City Orchestra also rendered a kind assistance. These gentlemen, Messrs. C. Hancock, G. Vail, H. Haal and George Thompson accompanied on the piano, by Miss Mattie McMunn and Miss Nan Hemphill, have recently organized their orchestra but fully demonstrated that evening their capability. Taken all together it was an interesting and enjoyable affair as anything ever given here.

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